

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, original claims 1-17 have been canceled and new claims 18-21 have been added. Thus, claims 18-21 are pending for further examination.

With respect to the drawing objection, Applicant has submitted proposed drawing corrections herewith, in which the proposed changes are shown in red ink. Approval of the proposed changes and withdrawal of the drawing objection are requested.

With respect to the objection to the abstract, Applicant has substituted a new abstract for the original abstract. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is also requested.

Claims 1-3 5-6, 8-11, 13-14 and 16-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Tran. Claims 4, 7, 12 and 15 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Tran. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1-17 and has added a new set of claims 18-21. The new set of claims is believed to clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record. Thus, allowance of these new claims is earnestly solicited.

Tran relates to a remote data access and management system. Tran is not directed to and does not disclose a jukebox system. More particularly, Tran does not disclose or even suggest a jukebox system as now claimed, in which the server defines the types of authorized uses that can be made by the jukebox with respect to audiovisual selections received from a server. In addition, Tran fails to disclose a jukebox system in which the

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authorized uses correspond to various rights that third parties have in the audiovisual selections, wherein the rights require by law or regulation payment of respective royalties for the authorized uses of the audiovisual selections, as now required by the claims. Tran also fails to disclose a jukebox system wherein the server maintains information on the authorized uses made by each of the jukeboxes and determines the amount of royalties due for each authorized use, as now also claimed.

As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that Tran is no longer relevant to the claimed invention. Moreover, none of the other references of record make up for the deficiencies of Tran. Thus, Applicant believes that the new claims herein are in condition for allowance.

For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims herein are allowable over the prior art of record. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

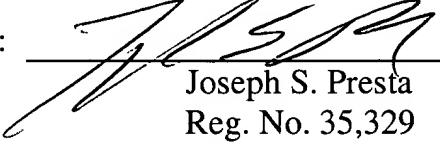
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Should the Examiner have any questions, or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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ABSTRACT

A jukebox system, including a server that stores a master library of audiovisual selections; a plurality of jukeboxes, each of which is operable to store audiovisual selections received from the server and to play the audiovisual selections at the request of a user; a communication system through which the server and the jukeboxes communicate; wherein the server is operable to define authorized uses for the audiovisual selections received from the server; and further wherein the authorized uses correspond to various rights that third parties have in the audiovisual selections, the rights requiring by law or regulation payment of respective royalties; and further wherein the server maintains information on the authorized uses made by each of the jukeboxes and determines the amount of royalties due.



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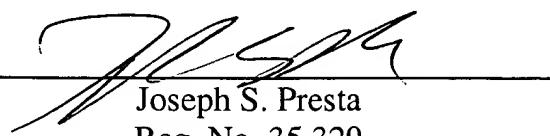
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Approval is requested for the proposed drawing amendments shown in red on the attached photocopies of Figures 1A-3.

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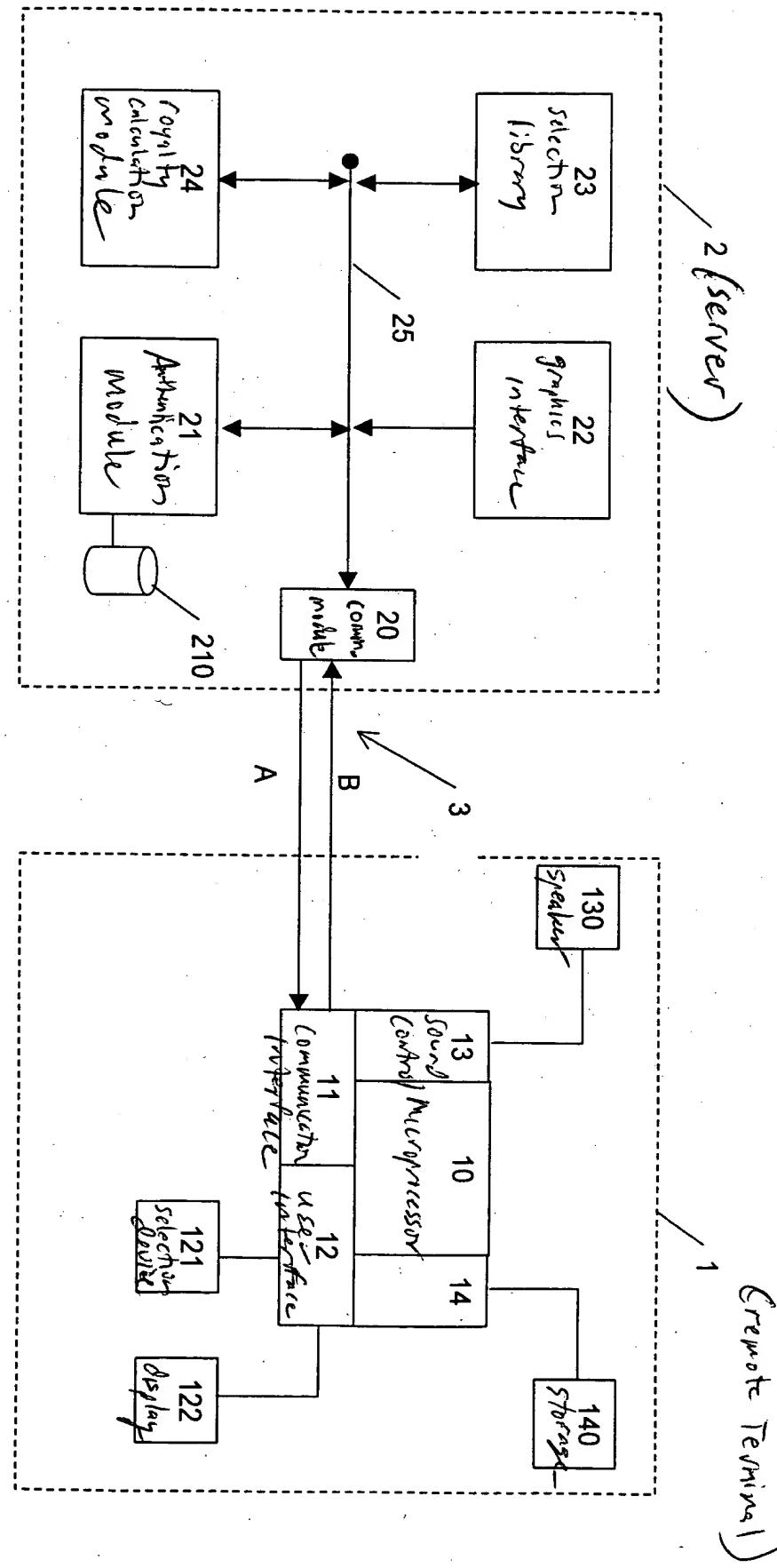
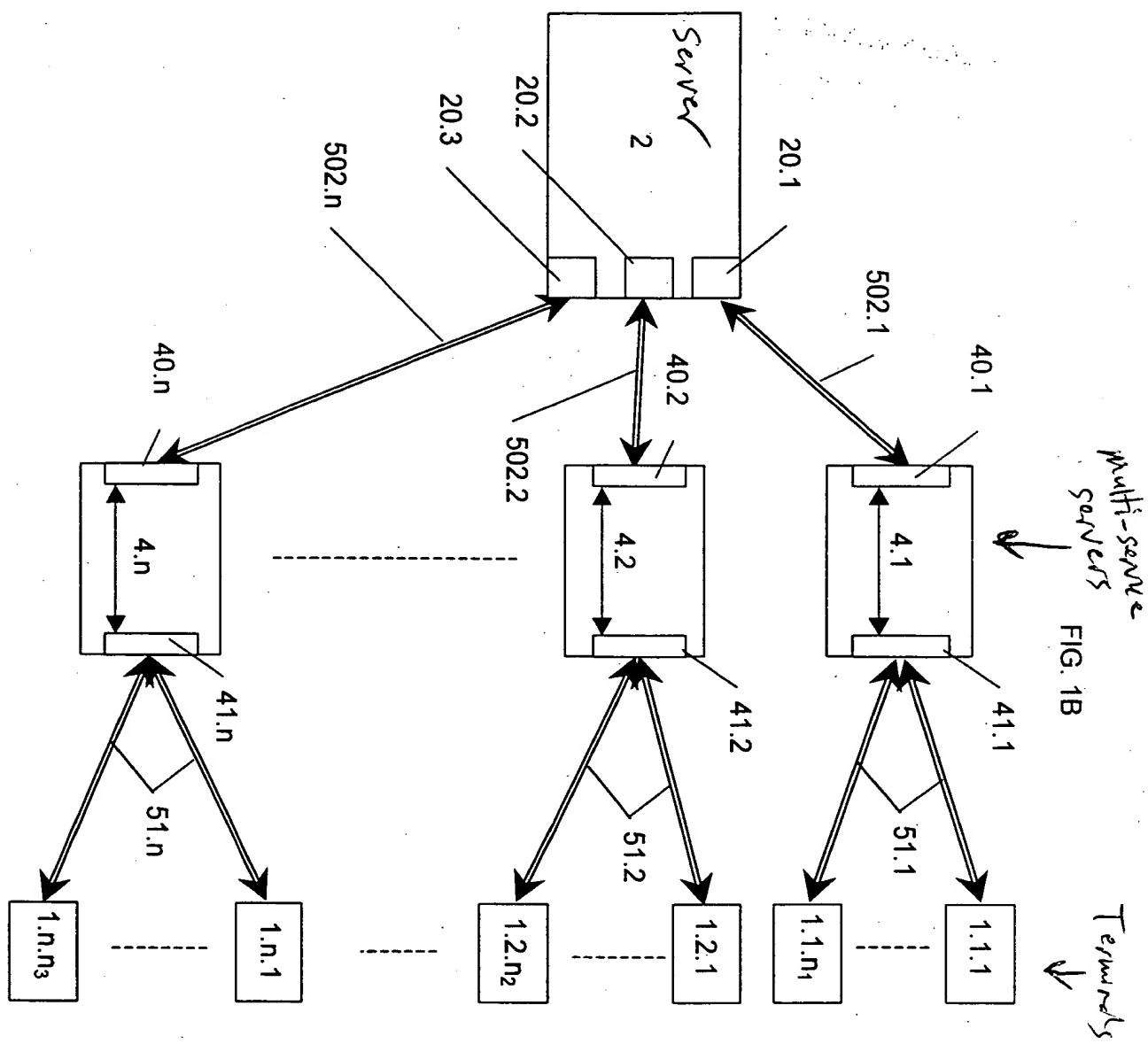


FIG. 1A



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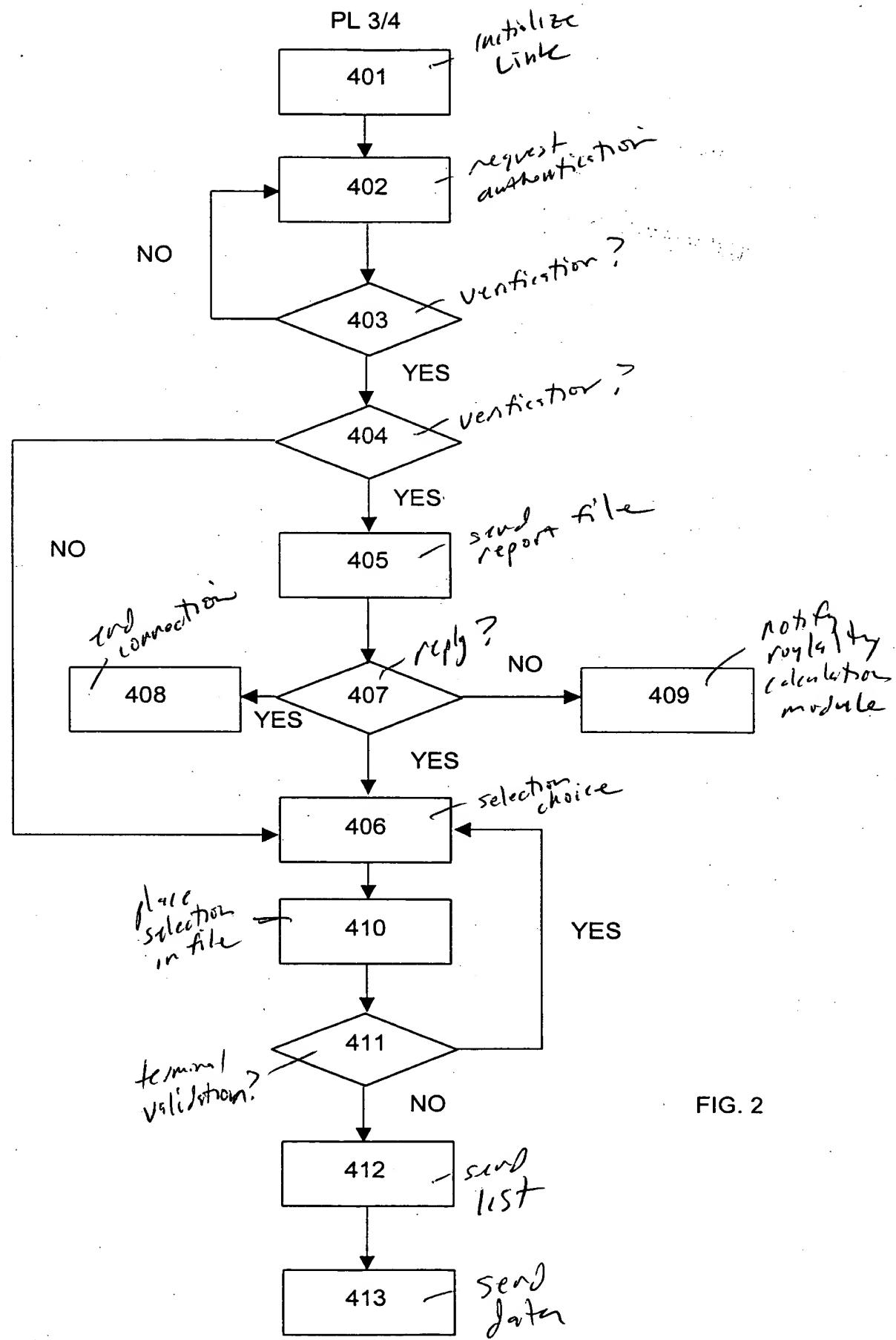


FIG. 2



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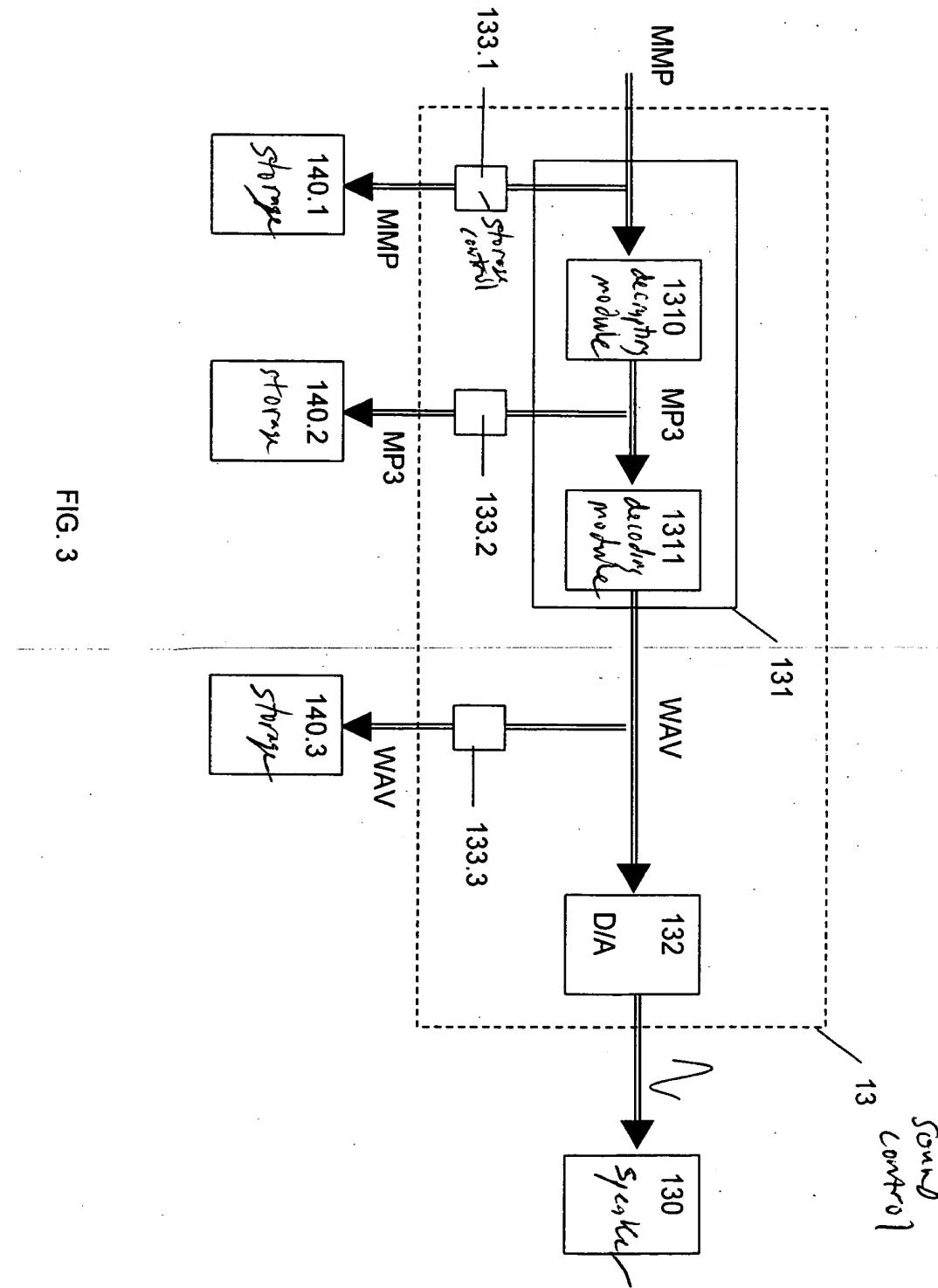


FIG. 3